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DRY EYE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 with the following:

-- USE OF MACROLIDE COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF DRY EYE--.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 6, lines 17-19 and replace with the following paragraph.

acyl such as aliphatic acyl, aromatic acyl and aliphatic acyl substituted by aromatic group, which are derived from carboxylic acid, sulfonic acid and carbamic acid; and the like.